



# CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

*By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:*

## VIRGINIA TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

**WHEREAS,** Virginia teachers are entrusted with the education of the Commonwealth's children; and

**WHEREAS,** Virginia teachers strive to instill a love of learning in and out of the classroom; and

**WHEREAS,** Virginia teachers seek to open students' minds to new knowledge and ideas while laying a foundation for life-long learning; and

**WHEREAS,** Virginia teachers model good citizenship by making positive and lasting contributions to society; and

**WHEREAS,** Virginia teachers fill many roles as motivators, explorers, mentors and listeners, and

**WHEREAS,** Virginia teachers, through academics, athletics, extra-curricular activities and social interaction, lead students to develop independence, morality and character; and

**WHEREAS,** Virginia teachers work tirelessly to increase learning and achievement and to help each student meet the Commonwealth's high academic standards; and

**WHEREAS,** Virginia teachers help students to develop and reach their goals while recognizing that each student is an individual with different needs for growth and success; and

**WHEREAS,** Virginia teachers' commitment to academic excellence is reflected in annual increases in student learning and achievement and in the numerous national recognitions earned by the Commonwealth's public schools;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize May 7-11, 2012, as **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



  
Governor

  
Secretary of the Commonwealth